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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven J. LAKEN, *et al.*

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in conjunction with the divisional application filed on January 31, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace paragraph 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/198,340 filed November 24, 1998, abandoned. The U.S. Government retains certain rights in this invention due to funding of grant CA43460 awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

REMARKS

The above amendment has been presented to insert Applicants' claim for priority of a related application. Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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